

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

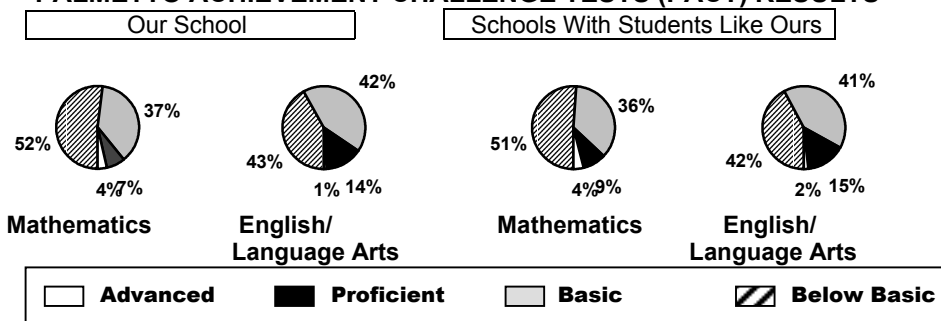
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 29. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Absolute Rating Below Average Improvement Rating Average
2002
2003
2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

| Student Group | English/ Language Arts | Math | Science | Social Studies |
|---|---------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------|
| All students (n=571) | 58% | 48% | N/A | N/A |
| Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=90) | 43.3% | 26.3% | | |
| Students without disabilities (n=474) | 61.6% | 52.4% | | |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male (n=293) | 52.9% | 47% | | |
| Female (n=271) | 64.9% | 49.3% | | |
| Ethnic Group | | | | |
| African American (n=310) | 51.9% | 39.6% | | |
| Hispanic (n=2) | N/A | N/A | | |
| White (n=252) | 66.7% | 58.4% | | |
| Other (n=N/A) | N/A | N/A | | |
| Lunch Status Group | | | | |
| Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=362) | 52.2% | 41.4% | | |
| Pay for lunch (n=202) | 70.3% | 60.1% | | |

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

| | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median Middle School |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SCHOOL | | | | |
| • Dollars spent per student | \$5,519 | N/A | \$5,015 | \$5,127 |
| • Prime instructional time | 86.4% | Down from 87.8% | 88.8% | 89.6% |
| • Student-teacher ratio | 10.1 to 1 | N/A | 20.5 to 1 | 21.4 to 1 |
| in core subjects | | | | |
| STUDENTS (n=666) | | | | |
| • Attendance rate | 94.1% | Down from 94.7% | 95.1% | 95.7% |
| • Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level | 14.5% | N/A | 8.2% | 4.5% |
| • Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level | 12.5% | N/A | 6.8% | 4.0% |
| • Retention rate | 6.1% | Down from 6.5% | 6.3% | 4.5% |
| TEACHERS (n=43) | | | | |
| • Professional Development days per teacher | 5 Days | Down from 6.3 | 8.1 Days | 8.0 Days |
| • Attendance Rate | 93.4% | Down from 93.8% | 95.1% | 95.2% |
| • Teachers with advanced degrees | 34.9% | Up from 32.5% | 41.8% | 45.8% |
| • Continuing contract teachers | 81.4% | Up from 77.5% | 80.4% | 80.8% |
| • Teachers with out-of-field permits | 2.3% | Down from 2.5% | 2% | 2.4% |
| • Teachers returning from the previous school year | 82.8% | Up from 78.1% | 82.8% | 83.7% |
| • Average teacher salary | \$36,773 | Up 2.8% | \$36,457 | \$37,455 |

SCHOOL FACTS

| | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SCHOOL | | | | |
| • Dropout rate | 0% | N/A | 0% | 0.0% |
| • Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries | 57.2% | N/A | 62.2% | 61.5% |
| • Principal's years at the school | 1 | N/A | 2 | 3.0 |
| • Parents attending conferences | 59.8% | N/A | 76.8% | 78.2% |
| • Opportunities in the arts | Good | N/A | Good | Good |
| STUDENTS | | | | |
| • On academic plans | 60.4% | Up from 41.9% | 54.2% | 45.8% |
| • On academic probation | 2.3% | N/A | 0% | 0.0% |
| • Older than usual for grade | 6.2% | Down from 7.7% | 7.5% | 4.5% |
| • Suspended or expelled | 103 | N/A | 39 | 15 |
| • Enrolled in high school credit courses | 12.3% | N/A | 9% | 13.2% |
| • Gifted and talented | 7.4% | Down from 9.2% | 8.4% | 12.1% |
| • With disabilities other than speech | 19.8% | Up from 16.7% | 14.5% | 13.6% |



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Since 1967, Southwood, smallest of the three Anderson V middle schools, has been considered a community school and, as such, is an integral part of the community. Parents, grandparents, and the community at large feel comfortable visiting our school. Southwood is known as a school where students are valued, and the concerns and opinions of parents are important.

Our faculty and staff are working hard during and after school in an effort to educate and assist our students in becoming effective, contributing members of society. During the 2000-01 year, language arts, math, science, and social studies teachers have worked diligently toward the preparation of standards-based curriculum guides. We are proud of the efforts of our faculty and staff in providing our students with after-school opportunities to participate in community service projects, as well as remediation classes in math and language arts. Our after-school and summer program funded through a 21st Century Grant has been a tremendous learning success.

Our challenges are to continue efforts to emphasize reading and writing instruction in all content areas, to coordinate the academic focus of the before and after-school programs, to increase instructional time for low-performing students through creative scheduling, and to provide staff development to increase teacher proficiency in the use of a variety of instructional practices. These efforts are a testament to our commitment to the success of our students.

We know instinctively that we are a team— students, faculty, staff, parents, and community – that support each other regardless of the obstacles in order to achieve our goals. We celebrate our PTSO President, Lou Hopkins, who was named United Way Community Volunteer of the Year, Reverend James M. Bennett who mentors approximately twenty-five students, as well as coordinates our "Straight Up Club," serving as a positive role model for our students, and our renewed partnership with Owens-Corning which provided us a \$3000.00 grant which was used to purchase science tables. Our school's mission is to educate and assist students in becoming ethical and contributing individuals by developing social, academic, and positive decision-making skills through the use of all available resources. We are truly a school of promise! Our motto says it all. "We're SOARING to Greater Heights."

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

| Percent | Teachers | Students | Parents |
|--|----------|----------|---------------|
| Satisfied with learning environment | 78.0 | 67.9 | (Avail. 2002) |
| Satisfied with social and physical environment | 95.0 | 66.0 | |
| Satisfied with home-school relations | 28.2 | 79.1 | |

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Southwood Middle
1110 Southwood Street
Anderson, SC 29624

Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 666 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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